Governor Carney Formally Extends State of Emergency

WILMINGTON, Del. — Governor John Carney on Thursday formally extended the <u>State of Emergency declaration</u> another 30 days to confront community spread of COVID-19, and issued the following statement:

"It's clear that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations spiked after Thanksgiving gatherings. Our hospitals can't afford another spike this Christmas. I know it's tough, but please consider adjusting your holiday plans. Wear a mask whenever you're around friends or family outside your household. These are temporary sacrifices until we have enough vaccines to crush COVID-19. Stay vigilant."

Governor Carney's <u>State of Emergency declaration</u> carries the full force and effect of law. Delawareans and visitors also must follow local restrictions in place to limit community spread of COVID-19.

Anyone with a question about COVID-19 should call Delaware 2-1-1. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Delawareans over the age of 18 are encouraged to download <u>COVID Alert DE</u>, Delaware's free COVID exposure notification app. Download on the <u>AppStore</u> or <u>Google Play</u>.

Report a business for COVID-19 non-compliance using <u>this</u> form.

The Division of Public Health will continue to update the public as more information becomes available. For the latest

on Delaware's response, go to de.gov/coronavirus.

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